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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 2, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated April 2, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application of which claims 6-11 and 20 are elected for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 102 & 103 Rejections

Claims 6, 7 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Sun (U.S. Patent No. 5,969,764). Claims 8-11 were rejected under 35